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1. MINISTER OF TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, GEORGE KING, DREW CHARGE ASIDE DURING SOCIAL EVENT SEPTEMBER 29 TO SAY THAT PUBLIC REMARKS CONCERNING U.S. SUGAR TARIFF INCREASE (APPARENTLY SEVERELY CRITICAL) MADE IN KINGSTON BY JAMAICAN MINISTER WHO HAD ATTENDED CARICOM MINISTERIAL MEETING HERE DID NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OR POSITION AGREED TO AT CARICOM MINISTERIAL MEETING. GUYANA'S, AND HE IMPLIED CARICOM'S VIEWS, WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO USG BY AMBASSADOR MANN IN WASHINGTON. MANN WOULD REFLECT CARICOM MINISTERS "CONCERN" OVER THE U.S. ACTION BUT NO ALLEGATIONS OF U.S. BAD FAITH OR MISCONDUCT WOULD BE IMPLIED.

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2. KING HEARD THE REPORT FROM JAMAICA VIA RADIO BROADCAST AND

DID NOT SPECIFY EXACTLY WHAT HIS JAMAICAN COLLEAGUE HAD SAID. HE WAS,HOWEVER,QUITE FIRM IN WISHING TO DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF AND OTHER CARICOM MINISTERS FROM THE STATEMENT. PRESS ARTICLES IN GUYANA (REFTEL) HAVE STRESSED REPRESENTATIONAL RATHER THAN PUBLIC CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACH TO U.S. CONCERNING THE SUGAR TARIFF. IN PRIVATE, GOG OFFICIALS VIEW SUGAR TARIFF INCREASE AS UNDERSTANDABLE ACTION IN CONTEXT OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN. BLACKEN

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